

July 2020

Dear Jefferson Families,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2020-2021 school year. We have been very busy throughout our campus this summer preparing for the coming year! I am privileged to have the opportunity to return this school year as your Principal, and I am honored to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful scholars, and all of our supportive families.

As we begin to think about how this school year will be different for all of us, I want you to know that we are dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming environment that continues to have enriching opportunities for your scholar to soar academically, even through this time of distance learning. Distance learning will be different from how it was delivered in the spring. Teachers will be providing no less than 3 hours of interactive, real-time virtual instruction to TK-6th grade scholars daily. Scholars will also have time to work independently on their assignments, and they will also have opportunities for social emotional learning as well as activities to support connection to school. Our middle school will continue to have a 6-period day, and scholars are expected to attend all of their classes each day based on their assigned schedule which they will receive prior to the start of school. Middle school scholars will have a modified day that is on a rotated schedule in order to maximize instructional time for all classes. All teachers will also have daily office hours to allow teachers to provide students and families with additional support. Please refer to our [distance learning schedule document](#), which outlines the components of your students' day and some example schedules.

We are continuing on our path to becoming an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The IB program will help support scholars, teachers, families and the school community to increase the academic success of our scholars while also creating global learners. Having IB as a framework for elementary education at our school will feed into a strong Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) Program for our middle school scholars, which will help our middle school students prepare for advanced secondary programs in high school. We continue to concentrate on the processes that spur continuing advancement; evaluating what we have, determining what we can do to improve, and identifying what we need to make those improvements. This will allow us to transform the learning that takes place in order to ensure that our scholars graduate college and career ready, productive, responsible and engaged global citizens. Jefferson continues to be a Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) school. Our school focuses on the development and implementation of pro-active procedures and practices to improve school climate.

To make sure all of our students have what they need, we are hosting drive-up days to check-out textbooks and technology to students. These will be similar to how we distributed technology in the spring.

Textbook/Technology Distribution Dates:

- **August 6th & August 20th & August 21st:** 8am-12am
- **August 13th & August 24th:** 8am-12am; 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **August 25th & 26th:** 8am -12am
- **August 27th and beyond** individual pick up times will be arranged with families through the site
 - **Please note that AM pick up times will be alphabetically arranged by last name: 8:00-9:00 A-F; 9:00-10:00 G-M; 10:00-11:00 N-S; 11:00-12:00 T-Z**

Important Dates:

- **Elementary Class Assignments will be shared with families no later than August 21.**
- **Middle School Schedules will be available in Infinite Campus no later than August 21.**
- **First day of school:** Thursday, August 27th. Start times: 7th/8th grade @7:45; TK- 6th @ 8am

If you have any questions about our school, please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 567-5580 or visit our website <https://natomasunified.org/jfs>. You can also email the virtual office at jfsvirtual@natomasunified.org

Sincerely,
Ms. Danisha Keeler
Principal